

Montana Newsletter

Montana State Library

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WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES: Sidney librarians will host a one day **LIBRARY AUTOMATION** workshop for school and public librarians in eastern Montana and the Sagebrush Library Federation. Contact: Dawn Greenwood, West Elementary Schools, 482-5501 am, 482-2530 pm, (701)481-7905 (home).

Intensive workshops in DOS and WINDOWS will be held in Billings, Missoula and Great Falls. See calendar for dates. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Workshops are free. They are funded by a FY '94 LSCA



Title III Grant from the Montana State Library Commission and the U.S. Department of Education to the Great Falls Public Library. Limited travel stipends are available. Contact: Jim Heckel, Great Falls Public Library, 453-9706, fax 453-0181.

The Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Nevada Library Association (NLA) this year. This NLA/MPLA Joint Conference will be held at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, October 26-29, 1994. Contact: Gretchen DeRico at (702)887-3074 or fax (702)887-3087.

PERSONAL NOTES: On November 2, 1993, Mary O. Workman resigned from the Swan Lake Library Board of Trustees. She was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of dedication and service to the library from 1978-1993. Mary, as chairperson, was a leading organizer, transforming the tiny Swan Lake Woman's Club Library to the present day Swan Lake Public Library.

Leza Hamby, Library Director of the Rocky Mountain Laboratory Library in Hamilton, has been selected as a member of the WLN Board. She will begin her duties at the Board's annual retreat February 17-18, 1994.

Pat Hayden is the new librarian for the Bridger Public Library.

Judy Meadows, Director of the State Law Library, will be a visiting faculty member of the

University of Washington's School of Library & Information Science this summer. She will teach the Law Library Management Seminar. Each year 10-12 law school graduates are accepted into this preeminent law librarianship program. Judy will be the first non-academic librarian to teach the seminar.

1994 MONTANA LIBRARY DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS:

- pg 4 & 52: ST. PATRICK HOSPITAL
Medical Library new
fax # 542-1729
- pg 1 & 50: Diana Lolic's # 444-3132
- pg 46: MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND LIBRARY
new phone # 771-6045
new fax # 771-6164
new zip 59405-1697
- pg 48: MONTANA POWER COMPANY LAW LIBRARY
new phone # 723-5454 x72111
new ILL phone # 723-5454 x72961

RENAMED STATE LIBRARY DIVISIONS:

The former Library for the Blind and Physically handicapped is now the Montana Talking Book Library; Information Resources and Library Development have been combined into Statewide Library Resources in order to provide more coordinated services to all libraries and clients.

LONG RANGE PROGRAM AVAILABLE:

Copies of Montana's Long Range Program (1994-96) will be included in the revised LSCA Grant Manual to be distributed in mid-March. To obtain a copy contact: Tristen Shinnick at the State Library (444-3115), or the state electronic bulletin board (444-5648 or 1-800-962-1729) will have it by March 15th.

ILL REMINDER: Interlibrary loan reimbursements are paid only if the library to which the loan was made is listed in the Montana Library Directory.

If you loan material to libraries that are not listed, you are encouraged to have them call Diane Gunderson at the State Library (444-5349) to find out how to be listed in the Directory. Also, reimbursement requests are due 10 working days after the end of a quarter.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ON JUVENILE AUTHOR VISITS:

Joan Lowry Nixon will be a guest at the June Western Writers' Conference in Billings; Lynn Reid Banks will be featured at the October MEA Conference in Billings. More information will be forthcoming.

LIBRARIES FOR THE FUTURE (LFF) is a national organization whose goal is to foster innovative partnerships between public libraries and their communities, and to encourage library and information users to take on active roles as public library advocates. LFF has many resources to offer, including a handbook **Library Advocacy Power Tools**, which can be useful to local library advocates. Most materials are available at no charge. Contact: Laura Powers, Field Director at (212)682-7446.

THE SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

[SLA] has produced a video in cooperation with Mead Data Central entitled, "The Information Partnership: Recognizing a Valuable Information Partner." You get the tape, five copies of an executive summary, and a guide book for \$15. It is for use in making presentations to management on how the information center contributes to the success of an organization. Contact: Angie Roberts at Mead Data Central, (800)227-9597 or 65664.

PLA AWARDS: The Public Library Assoc. has a flyer to promote its annual awards, including an Advancement of Literacy Award, multilingual library programs award, and an award for excellence in small and/or rural public library service. Contact: (800)545-2433 x5027.

VIDEOFORUM: NATIVE AMERICANS:

The Library Video Classics Project, funded by the Rockefeller and MacArthur Foundations, has a booklet offering videos on Native American history and culture. A special price is offered for buying all the videos prior to May 31. Contact: (800)346-5383.

INDEX AVAILABLE: The Montana Historical Society has published a comprehensive index covering 1951-1990 for its quarterly history journal *Montana the Magazine of Western History*. Annual indexes for 1991, 1992, and 1993 will be available by mid-1994. Contact: Montana Historical Society Museum Store, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201, (800)243-9900 or (406)444-2890.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

The MLA's Academic and Special Libraries Division is sponsoring a "Contributed Paper" program at the Annual Conference in Butte, April 24-27. Notices of Intent must be submitted by March 1st. Contact Kathy Kaya, Renne Library, MSU, (994-5312, fax 994-2851, email slikk@msu.oscs.montana.edu)

THE 20TH ANNUAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY ON APRIL 19, 1994, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. The day is devoted to meeting with senators, representatives, and their staff members on Capitol Hill. Issues to be discussed include congressional budget priorities, the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA), funding for the three national libraries (Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library, and the National Library of Medicine), Secondary Education Act (ESEA), access and public information policy, access and telecommunications issues.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE INFORMATION ON THE INFORMATION HIGHWAY, WARNS SLA EXPECTIVE. The Special Libraries Association (SLA) applauds the general direction being taken by the Clinton/Gore Administration in developing the "Information Superhighway," according to Dr. David R. Bender, executive director of SLA. Responding to Vice President Gore's speech to the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, January 11, Bender explained that SLA supports structure which can provide universal access to information by all segments of society, including the individual at home or at work. Bender also praised Gore's challenge to the members of the communications industry to provide free links from the information superhighway to schools, libraries, hospitals and clinics by the year 2000. However, he warned that attention must be given to the information on the networks as well as to the telecommunications systems themselves.

ALMA MATER LIBRARIES to join in a national customer satisfaction poll. Libraries of all types are encouraged to distribute the eight-question survey for a minimum of 12 hours during National Library Week, April 17-23. The survey

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Public Information Office at (800)545-2433 x5044/5041. Funding for administrative it contact: ALA Association (ALA) Standing Committee on Library Education (SCOLE). The directory includes information on national awards, scholarships, fellowships, grants and assistantships from state library agencies and local libraries. Listings include programs for masters, undergraduate and doctoral degrees as well as sixth year certificates and continuing education. Cost: \$1 for single copy. Contact: SCOLE, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. For multiple copies contact SCOLE at ALA, (800)545-2433, x4277.



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK. The Children's Book Council is launching a campaign to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of National Children's Book Week. A number of U.S. cities plan to hold a series of city-wide events during Book Week on "Read Across America Day," Saturday, Nov. 14-20, 1994.

- March 11 - Library Automation Workshop in Sidney
- April 1 - Submissions for Update due
- 15 - DOS workshops, Billings and Missoula (1-5 pm)
- 16 - Windows Workshop, Billings and Missoula (8-12 am)
- 17-23 - National Library Week
- 19 - ALA Legislative Day, Washington D.C.
- 24-27 - Montana Library Assoc. Mtg Annual Conf., Copper King Inn, Butte. Contact: 406-723-5454 x72111
- May 1 - Update due out
- 12 - "Achieving Breakthrough Service in Libraries," a teleconference. Contact: (800)545-2433 x5044/5041
- 13 - DOS workshop, Great Falls (1-5 pm)
- 14 - Windows workshop, Great Falls (8-12 am)

CALENDAR

ALEX...THE LIBRARIAN is a comic strip that picks up at the world of work, current events and relationship. You can get a free subscription by contacting the author: Alex Krentzin (313)549-6972.

Nov. 19. The Children's Book Council, official sponsor of National Children's Book Week, is a non-profit association of children's and young adult trade book publishers. Teachers and librarians interested in 75th Anniversary plans and materials may request information by sending a self-addressed label to CBC, 7548 Book Week Celebration, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012.(212)966-1990.

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